

COSSACK'S SWORD IS MAINTAINING QUIET OF TERROR

St. Petersburg Is Silent Under Sway of Military.

NO STOPPING ON STREET

Cavalry Breaks Up Any Gathering of Any Size.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4, via Edylkummen, Dec. 5.—An incredible condition of affairs exists in this city.

Today the central postoffice is under guard, while great crowds of people stand about complaining because they are denied access to the office.

Chaos reigns in the capital.

The city has been divided into four military districts and over 15,000 Cossacks and infantry soldiers armed with machine guns are kept constantly on guard.

On almost every street the tramp of Cossacks resounds and civilians are confronted everywhere with the show of military prowess.

All Gatherings Dispersed.

Even small gatherings of friends on the street are broken up by the mounted Cossacks, who ride up and command the assembled pedestrians to disperse and go about their business.

A prearranged general strike began today at various points throughout the empire. The strike was not absolutely general at the beginning, but it has assumed formidable proportions.

Figures of Strike.

At St. Petersburg the employees of seventy-two factories struck, and 10,000 workmen are idle as a result.

At Moscow 6,000 employees in twenty-six factories struck.

Reports from other cities give the following figures as to the strike:

Vladimir, six factories, employing 15,000 men, affected; Warsaw, several factories, employing 10,000 workmen; Kiev, six factories, employing 5,000 men.

The Central Strike Committee at St. Petersburg believe that workmen have struck throughout the empire as the result of the strike in this city.

The postal and telegraph strike bids fair to last several weeks.

These Strikers "Rebels."

The demands of the employees have been rejected by the authorities, who continue to treat the strikers as rebels and justify this treatment by the latest resolutions adopted by the employees at Moscow and St. Petersburg, demanding a share in the government of the posts and telegraphs and enjoining a program based on universal suffrage and the convocation of a constituent assembly.

The Postmaster General intends to reopen the offices tomorrow, but confesses his inability to assure communications. The wires are almost everywhere cut.

Up to the present, the government has been able to maintain communication by official messages over the railway telegraphs, but the railroads are now forbidden by the Moscow Union of Unions to accept such messages.

Close to Anarchy.

The Socialists have begun a campaign against Father Gapon, whom, it is said, Count Witte intends to put at the head of an anti-strike movement.

The Novoe Vremya openly talks of a military dictatorship. The Bouras Gazette says there are in the movement Count Witte's, the Palace, and the Revolutionary, the last named headed by the lawyer, Khristofor, who presides over the Central Labor Committee and is taking a prominent part in the present strike.

The labor organizations are now executive in connection with the Peasants' Peace Union.

The Russian insurrection on the immediate resignation of M. Durnovo.

The Moscow domain is divided on the question whether to appeal to the government to show clemency to the Sebastopol mutineers, or to congratulate the troops on the suppression of the revolt. The Moscow house committee has already taken action for the troops.

Eddy Entirely Cut Off From State Department

With chaotic conditions existing in St. Petersburg the State Department, owing to the virtual suspension of telegraphic communication by the telegraphers' strike, is without information of the progress of events as observed by Spencer Eddy, charge d'affaires of the American embassy.

Ambassador Meyer should by this time have reached his post. Although the department has no definite information, he is believed to be in Berlin. He may encounter difficulties in reaching the Russian capital.

The department has called to the embassy at Berlin to learn the state of communication between that city and St. Petersburg. Up to noon today no response had been received.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The weather will be generally fair to-night and Wednesday in the East and South, except in the Lower Lake region, where local snow storms will continue. Temperatures will rise generally, though slowly.

TEMPERATURE.

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| 9 a. m. | 30 |
| 12 noon | 32 |
| 3 p. m. | 33 |
| 6 p. m. | 35 |

Sun sets today 4:38 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:04 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

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| High tide today | 2:32 p. m. |
| Low tide today | 8:20 p. m. |
| High tide tomorrow | 2:47 a. m., 4:16 p. m. |
| Low tide tomorrow | 10:21 a. m., 11:51 p. m. |

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LIBERAL LEADER SUCCEEDS BALFOUR AS NEW PREMIER

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Accepts Post From the King.

FREE TRADE PARAMOUNT

Alliance With Devonshire Will Sidetrack Home Rule.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, arrived at Buckingham Palace promptly at 10:45 clock this morning in obedience to the summons of the King for the interview in which it had been predicted the monarch would ask him to undertake the task of forming a new cabinet. He was closeted with the King for exactly an hour, and during the interview accepted the proffer by the King of the premiership, and agreed to form a new cabinet.

The interview was of the most cordial nature. As he left the palace the new premier was cheered by a large crowd which had assembled.

Closeted With Colleagues.

Campbell-Bannerman at once drove to his house in Belgrave Square where he was closeted with his colleagues and advisers of the Liberal party. A statement was issued from the House announcing that he had undertaken to form a Liberal government, but no other news was given out at that time.

It is understood that a portfolio was offered to the Duke of Devonshire, but that he declined to assume a place in the ministry.

John Morley and Herbert Henry Asquith are recognized as the chief advisers of the new premier.

Before going to the palace, Campbell-Bannerman received a visit from the Duke of Devonshire. The latter being a Unionist and free trade leader, great significance was attached to this because if Campbell-Bannerman has allied himself with the Duke of Devonshire it probably means that home rule is to be sidetracked for the present and free trade will be made the paramount issue with the new ministry.

Devonshire's Influence.

The Duke of Devonshire is a strong man, with great territorial influence and an alliance with him will sway thousands of Unionist votes to the side of the Liberals.

There is every indication that Campbell-Bannerman will assume office immediately and at once form the new cabinet. Members of the cabinet will not be forced to contest for their seats for re-election, and this will enable the business of the country to be carried on without interruption.

The election will probably be held in January on the new register of electors.

Joseph Chamberlain said to reporters today: "I am glad to hear that Mr. Balfour has resigned and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has accepted office."

KANSAS COLORED MAN URGED FOR REGISTER

Delegation Proposes W. T. Vernon, of Quindaro, as Successor to Judson W. Lyons.

The entire Kansas delegation called at the White House today and recommended the appointment of W. T. Vernon, of Quindaro, Kan., as Register of the Treasury, to succeed Judson W. Lyons, whose term will expire in March, 1906.

Vernon is a colored man, and is president of the Quindaro Industrial Institute. Kansas politicians and public men pronounce Vernon the ablest colored man in their State. The President did not make any promises.

The term of Judson W. Lyons will expire in March. At that time he will have completed his second term, and is not thought that he will ask for a reappointment.

CAPT. CHESTER HARDING REPORTED CONVALESCING

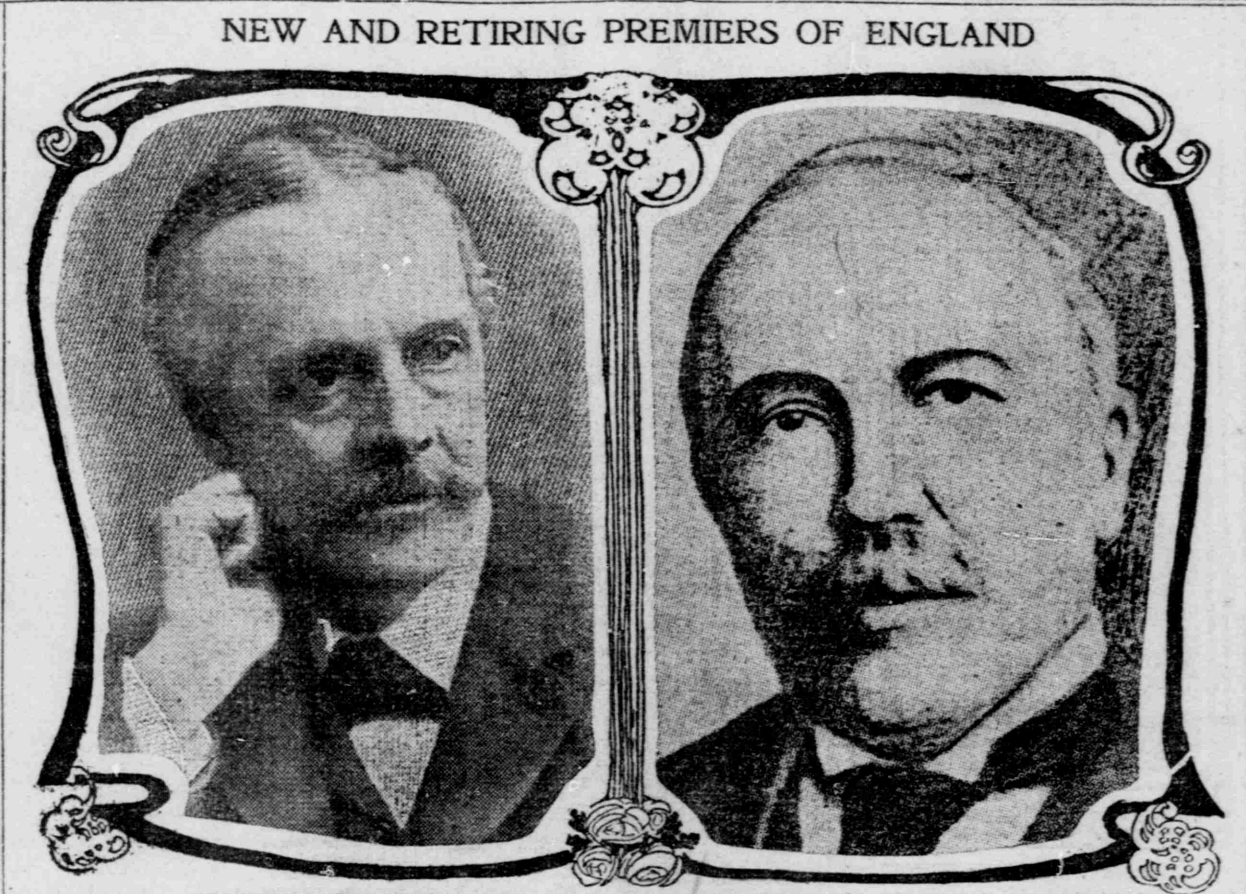
Captain Chester Harding, Engineer Commissioner John Biddle's assistant, who is ill with typhoid fever, is reported today as progressing favorably toward recovery. His fever is reported as subsiding rapidly without leaving the patient unusually weak, and his present symptoms are regarded as good.

GOVERNMENT CLERKS GIVE BROWNLOW A TIP

"We feel very grateful to Representative Brownlow of Tennessee for the interest he has taken in us by introducing a bill to regulate the hours of closing the departments and to restore the 4 o'clock hour," said a prominent official of the Treasury Department this morning.

"The easiest way to return to the old order of closing at 4 o'clock is to tuck into a little amendment to the legislative appropriation bill. There is a section in that bill which says the hours of labor of Government clerks shall not be less than seven hours, but it makes no reference to lunch time. Now, if the words 'including thirty minutes for lunch' were inserted just after 'not less than seven hours' the heads of the departments could close the departments at 4 o'clock, but under the law as now interpreted we must work full seven hours, excluding lunch time."

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ARTHUR J. BALFOUR. SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

BIG FIRE SWEEPS OVER MANASSAS

Four Business Blocks Reported Destroyed.

COMMUNICATION CRIPPLED

Alexandria at One Time Was Asked for Aid, But Fire Later Was Controlled.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 5.—About 3 o'clock this morning fire Chief Petty received a dispatch from Manassas asking the assistance of the Alexandria fire department, the dispatch stating that a large fire was at that time raging there.

Mayor Paff being out of the city, President of the Board of Aldermen J. T. Sweeney ordered the Reliance fire company to make ready to go. By the time the company reached the station word was received that the fire was under control.

From dispatches received here it seems that four of the business blocks of Manassas have been destroyed. The fire is said to have originated at Goodman's Hotel. From there it spread, consuming a large portion of the business section, including Shannon's drug store, over which is located the telephone exchange. This crippled communication with the town.

At 7 o'clock this morning a dispatch was received in this city stating that Joseph Chamberlain said to reporters today: "I am glad to hear that Mr. Balfour has resigned and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has accepted office."

GUARD AGAINST MEASLES SUGGESTS HEALTH OFFICER

Warning Note Sound to Mothers Against Malady Conceded to Be Winter Contagion.

Although no serious epidemic of measles is expected for this winter, Dr. W. C. Fowler, deputy health officer, issued a warning note to the mothers of children whose faces may be speckled with the unmistakable signs of the disease to exercise great care or dangerous complications may result.

"While the Health Department has no way of determining the actual extent of measles in the city," said Dr. Fowler today, "the law not requiring us to keep a record of the cases, I have no reason to think that we will be visited with a serious epidemic this winter. Certainly not to a greater extent than in former years."

"We regard measles as more or less a winter contagion. This is almost entirely due to the fact that children are more closely housed than in the summer, and the infection has a greater opportunity to spread."

"In this respect crowded school rooms are looked upon as veritable breeding spots, one infected child having been known to spread the disease through the entire class."

"In cases of infection, I should advise all sleeping rooms to be well ventilated, only a light diet given, and in no event allow the patient to be exposed to draughts."

"The symptoms of measles are a high fever and cough, and a rash on the face and on the body and a soreness in the eyes."

DEPUTY SHERIFF EMBREY ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Deputy Sheriff William R. Embrey, of the Cabin John district, Montgomery county, Md., is today a free man. He was acquitted yesterday of the charge of murdering James A. Whalen, a jury bringing in a verdict within about ten minutes after they had retired.

The case was tried before Judge Anderson at Rockville, who ruled out the introduction of Whalen's alleged "dying statement," that Embrey had willfully shot him on the ground that Whalen did not know he was dying when he made this declaration. Embrey himself proved a good witness. He declared he shot Whalen in self-defense.

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RATE REGULATION BILL WILL PASS

Agreement to This Effect Reached by Both Sides.

CONCESSIONS WERE MADE

Antis Will Have Their Way in Changes to Draft of Interstate Commerce Bill.

That the Administration program of rate regulation legislation will win in Congress was finally made apparently certain by the important developments of today.

There were two of these features which became public this morning. One is the statement of a Senator who is among those opposed to the measure that an arrangement has been made between the advocates and opponents of the bill, by which the latter agree to allow the bill to pass.

This is an immense concession, involving, as it does, the withdrawal of all filibustering opposition.

In consideration of this concession by the antis, the advocates of the measure are agreed on certain changes in the draft of the Interstate Commerce bill. These include the dropping of the provisions governing and limiting the rights of appeal from orders of the commission. As to these provisions, many of the friends of the bill have been doubtful of their constitutionality, fearing that they would be held by the courts to impose an improper limitation on the powers of the courts.

Another Stumbling Block.

The objection which has also been raised against the bill, that it gives the commission powers that represent more than one branch of the Government—legislative and judicial, as well as executive, will be met by some changes in the draft.

It is also stated that the terms in which power over rates is conferred will be much simplified. Probably the specific provision of power to fix maximum, minimum, and absolute rates may be done out, but the general power to declare a rate unjust, and to fix and enforce a new one in its stead, will be granted in terms so broad that friends of the plan believe everything essential will be covered, and in a way that will be open to no doubts on constitutional grounds.

Gorman in Line.

Only second in importance to this agreement is the statement which Senator Gorman has made to friends of the bill, that he is prepared now to support it. This means the end of Democratic opposition, which he was expected to lead.

It is expected now that the measure will soon be put in its new form by the Senate committee, and that its passage will not be long delayed after the holiday recess.

CHARING CROSS STATION FALLS ON PACKED TRAINS

Forty Dead and Many Injured So Far Taken From Debris of London Terminal.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—A portion of the roof of Charing Cross station collapsed today.

Several trains filled with home-going city men are buried under the debris. Forty dead and injured have already been removed.

The search continues.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

The only remaining unimproved plot of ground on the north side of Mintwood place, Washington Heights, has been sold to F. C. S. Hunter, by J. V. N. and T. B. Huyck, in connection with Early & Lampton.

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AMBASSADOR MAY BE INVESTIGATED

Charges Filed Against Envoy to Brazil.

CONSUL GENERAL COMPLAINS

Western Statesmen Now Worried Over Status of David E. Thompson, son of Nebraska.

There is much concern among Western statesmen about the status of David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, now Ambassador to Brazil, but who is in this country on leave of absence.

Some time ago some sensation was caused by the publication of a letter Mr. Thompson had allowed to be published in Brazil, advising policyholders of the New York Life Insurance Company that, in his opinion, the company was all right. Mr. Thompson, on his return home, vigorously defended the letter, and declared he had no apologies for it.

But it develops that the Ambassador, while in Washington, called on neither the President nor the State Department, a most unheard-of proceeding. Moreover, it is now announced that charges have been filed against him by Eugene Seeger, the consul general at Brazil, and that the matter is under investigation by the State Department.

Seeger and the Ambassador got into a disagreement over various things at Rio Janeiro, resulting in each making charges against the other. It is rumored that the charges against Thompson involve not only his official but some other phases of his relations in Brazil, and that on the investigation which the State Department is making will depend the decision whether he shall be retained in the service.

It has been expected he would be promoted soon to the Mexican embassy.

LAND OFFICE REGISTER DISMISSED BY PRESIDENT

Pettijohn Given His Conge for Participating in Questionable Land Deals.

By direction of the President, J. C. Pettijohn, register of the general land office, at Valentine, Neb., has been summarily dismissed on the charge of participating in questionable land deals. Also, the resignation of the receiver of the land office at that point, Albert L. Towle, has been requested.

FOURTEEN YEARS ALTAR BOY AT ST. ALOYSIUS'

The funeral of Charles Joseph Dunn, twenty-one years of age, who died Monday evening, will be held Thursday morning at the home of his father, James M. Dunn, at 124 1/2 Fifth street northwest. Requiem mass will be said at 9 o'clock at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Charles Dunn had been a choir and altar boy at the Immaculate Conception Church since he was six years old.

EN ROUTE FOR PENSION. VETERAN FALLS DEAD

William H. Hugo, eighty years of age, of 25 C street northwest, died suddenly after falling unconscious in Judiciary square yesterday afternoon. Corner Nevitt gave a certificate of death from natural causes. The body is at the morgue and will be held there until arrangements for the funeral have been made by Mrs. M. S. Sheridan, a daughter, who lives in New York city.

Hugo was a Union veteran and was on his way to the office of E. B. Blackstone, of Fourth street northwest, to have his pension voucher executed when he fell in the park.

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MESSAGE READ IN BOTH HOUSES

Marked Attention Paid by Members—Great Stress Laid Upon Federal Control of Railroads and Other Corporations.

SUBJECTS OF NATIONAL IMPORT ARE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED

American People Must Finish Panama Canal Quickly, as They Are Pledged to Speed—Merit in Army Promotions.

The President's Message was taken to the Congress of the United States shortly after noon today, and read in both the Senate and House immediately after it was delivered.

Copies of the document were on the desks of each Senator and Representative, and many of them, with text in hand, followed closely the reading of the original copies.

The text of the President's Message in full will be found on Pages 9 to 12.

House Took a Recess To Await Message

When Speaker Cannon called the House to order at noon today there were few members absent from their places, but the many vacant seats in the galleries showed plainly that the public's interest in the proceedings had waned perceptibly.

Mr. Humphreys (Democrat), Mississippi, and Claude Kitchin (Democrat), North Carolina, who were absent yesterday, were sworn by the Speaker.

Mr. McClary, of Minnesota, who, with Mr. Littauer, of New York, and Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, was yesterday designated to wait upon the President and formally acquaint him with the fact that Congress was in session, reported that the President would communicate with the House through a message in writing.

Awaiting the arrival of the President's message, the House, at 12:12 o'clock, recessed for ten minutes.

New Connecticut Senator Takes Oath of Office

The Senate was called to order at noon, Chaplain Hale invoked divine guidance for the President of the United States and the servants of the United States, and for the rulers of the world.

There was a distinct falling off in the attendance of spectators.

Frank B. Brandegee, the Senator-elect from Connecticut, took the oath of office.

After the Senate had been informed that the House of Representatives was ready for business, Mr. Allison, from a special committee appointed to wait upon the President, reported that the President would communicate with the Senate through a message in writing.

The President's recess appointments, also several new ones to the Senate for consideration and confirmation, among the recess appointments are those of Secretary of State Root, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, and Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte; ministers to Colombia, Barrett; to Chile, Brewster; to Ecuador, Lee; to Panama, Magoon; to Venezuela, Russell; several consuls general and consuls; Public Printer Stillings, collectors of customs and internal revenue, army retirements and promotions, United States district judges, attorneys and marshals; promotions in the navy, Frank Prantz to be governor of Oklahoma, Herbert J. Hagerman to be governor of New Mexico, the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission—Shonts, Magoon, Harold, Ernst, Endicott and Hains; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry and many others.

The secretary then, at 12:15 o'clock, began the reading of the President's annual message, printed copies of which were laid upon each Senator's desk.

Mr. Foster (Louisiana), who had been elected to the Senate by the voters of that State, appeared to amuse Mr. Aldrich (Rhode Island), who took a seat adjoining Mr. Foster, and conferred with him. Mr. Aldrich, read the provision word by word, as did Mr. Kean (New Jersey), who is generally credited with having an anti-regulation member, Mr. Chapp (Minnesota), whose position is in some doubt, studied the provision carefully.

REPRESENTATIVE KENNEDY BRIDEGROOM OF HOUSE

Nebraska Member Is Congratulated by His Colleagues in the Lower House.

Hon. John L. Kennedy, of Omaha, is the bridegroom of the House. By reason of a little disagreement with Bishop Scannel, of Omaha, in regard to the marriage ceremony, the fact of Mr. Kennedy's recent entrance into the wedded state had been amply advertised in advance of his coming, and he received more congratulations than Chaucer's Depew used to receive from the old days of frenzied floral displays.

D. K. WATSON, OF OHIO, LEADS LAW REVISION

Columbus Man Made Chairman of Committee, Which May Report at This Session.

David K. Watson, of Columbus, Ohio, has been elected chairman of the commission to revise the laws.

This body now has two Ohioans in its membership of three, which is keeping up nicely to the Ohio ratio. John Lott, of Tiffin, was appointed recently to succeed Alexander Bodkin, of Montana, deceased.

It is not yet known when the commission, which has been at work about seven years, will be ready to lay its report, comprising a complete codification of Federal laws, before Congress. But it will be done, whole or in large part, in time for Congress at this session.

It is doubtful, however, if that body will care to wrestle with such an immense undertaking as the effort to inspect and enact it.

SMITH'S PENNY POSTAGE PROMPTLY BEFORE HOUSE

Representative George W. Smith of Illinois, who is now serving his ninth term, today again introduced his bill for penny postage.

Representative Smith first introduced this bill several years ago. It caused widespread comment at the time. Mr. Smith received petitions urging the passage of the 1-cent postage bill from every State and Territory in the Union. Nearly a million names of business men were signed.

When Congress, in the past, reduced the rate of postage, the change was followed by a falling off in postal receipts," said Representative Smith, "and that was natural. But the increase which followed the falling off in the revenues more than made up the loss. It will be the same in this instance. If we give the people 1-cent letter postage, the diversion in the receipts would result for a year or two would be wiped out by the first increase. Sentiment in favor of penny postage is growing, and it will not be a great while before Uncle Sam will send sealed letters in the park."

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FLOWERS FOR SOUTHARD, DESPITE SOLEMN RULES

Doorkeeper Held Them Up and Kept Them in Corridor Until Congressman Came Out.

Despise rules and regulations, edicts and statutes, one Representative received a bouquet of handsome posies on the opening day of the session.

The lucky man was Representative